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Mothers Right over Son

Let's read the verses starting from the **first verse** of **Chapter 3** of the Book of ***Sirach 3:1***: *"Listen to me your father, O Children; act accordingly, that you may be kept in safety."*
This means the advice in this third chapter is for safety. Therefore, this is advice that should be listened to very seriously for the purpose of being safe.

Sirach 3:2 states: *"For the Lord honors a father above his children, and he confirms a **mothers's right over her children**."*
He has given the mother a right over her sons. Does this word apply only to a few people or to everyone in every age? It applies to everyone in every age. What right? The **mother's right over the sons**. The Blessed Mother has the same right over her Son, Jesus. The mother has a right over her son.

I can prove this to you. That is, the Mother has a right over Jesus.

History

When the history of the *Kings of Israel* and the *Kings of Judah* is told in the Old Testament, there is a difference. What is the difference? When telling the history of the Kings of Israel, the name of their **father** is mentioned. But when telling the history of the Kings of Judah, they mention who their **mother** was. Keep this information in mind. When the history of the Kings of Judah is written, they will mention their father sometimes, but whether they do or not, when the history of all these kings is written, they will state who their mother was.

So, the question is: Why do they do that? There was a reason for it. In the royal lineage of the Kings of Judah, the *second-in-command* after the king was not the king's wife, but the ***Queen Mother***. There are many examples in the Bible where it says - "*speak to the King and the Queen Mother.*"

The word used for this is **Gebirah** (Hebrew: גְּבִירָה), which means "***Queen Mother***." This is a title.

Consider Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. Adonijah, another son of David, desired to marry Abishag (a woman appointed to keep David warm in his final illness). After David died, Adonijah assumed he would be king, but Solomon became king. After Solomon was crowned, Adonijah went to the Queen Mother, Bathsheba, and asked her to speak to Solomon so he could marry Abishag. Adonijah says: "He will not refuse you what you ask." This reflects a belief and tradition in Judah: the King's mother is the Queen, and the king would not usually refuse what the Queen Mother asked.

When Bathsheba, Solomon's mother (the Queen Mother), went to see Solomon with Adonijah's request, we read that Solomon stood up and bowed to her. There is a part in the Bible where Bathsheba goes to David's palace, but David does not stand up or bow to Bathsheba, because Bathsheba is David's wife. However, when the Queen Mother enters the royal court, Solomon rises and bows to her. Not only that, he set a throne for her at his right hand and had her sit upon it. This is the *Gebirah, the Queen Mother*.

Therefore, the Blessed Mother has a right with Jesus. Why is that? Because she is the ***Queen Mother***. The Blessed Mother has a right with Jesus.

The next verse, ***Sirach 3:3*** states: *"Those who honor their father atone for sins, and* ***those who respect their mother are like those who lay up treasure****."*

So, what happens if you scorn your mother? That treasure is lost. Whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Therefore, for spiritual treasures to grow in us, we must honor the Blessed Mother. Spiritual treasures grow in us when we honor the **Blessed Mother**.

The Second Adam

I'm now going to take you to another passage, ***Romans 5:19***: "*For just as by the **one man's disobedience** the many were made sinners, so by the **one man's obedience** the many will be made righteous.*"
Who is the "one person" in the first part? **Adam**.
Who is the "one person" in the second part? **Christ**.
Therefore, according to this verse, Christ is called the **Second Adam**.

Let's read another verse: ***1 Corinthians 15:46***: "*But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The **first man** was from the **earth**, a man of dust; the **second man** is from **heaven**. As was the man of dust, so are those who are dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are in heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust* [meaning, just as we have become bodies like the first man, Adam], *we will also bear the image of the man of heaven* [meaning, we shall become bodies glorified like Jesus]."

The Bible calls Jesus the Second Adam here. Why is Jesus called the Second Adam? Jesus is called the Second Adam because He came to **recover everything that Adam lost**. That is why Jesus is called the Second Adam. Whatever Adam has ruined for us - humanity, He has come to **undo** what Adam has done. He came to cancel all the miseries that Adam brought upon us. His name is **Jesus**, the Second Adam.

If there is a Second Adam, there must be a **Second Eve**. That's the simple argument, right? Why? There is a reason. Adam and Eve did not fall into sin separately; Adam and Eve fell into sin **together**. Do you have any doubt? No. Eve first offered the fruit, and Adam ate it, too. They both sinned together. God called them both together and gave them the punishment together.

Therefore, if there is a Second Adam, there is a Second Eve. When we read Chapters ***1 to 3*** of the **Book of *Genesis***, Eve is called "*Eve*" only **twice**. Then what else is she called? Eve is called **"*Woman*" eleven times** in the first three chapters.

Woman

For ages, a question that our Pentecostal brethren have greatly troubled us with is: Why did Jesus call His Mother "Woman?"

In the ***Gospel of John***, when describing the ***Wedding Feast at Cana***, the Mother is called "Woman" by Jesus. Why did He call her that? There is a reason. The wedding feast at Cana happens *on the* ***third day*** in ***John chapter 2:1***.
Let's read ***John 1:29****: "The* ***next day*** *he saw Jesus coming toward him..."* The "next day" means it's the second day. So by the very fact that it is said "the next day," that presupposes there is another day before. So by ***John 1:29***, the day is the second.
Now read ***John 1:35****: "The* ***next day*** *John again was standing with two of his disciples,..."* So now it is the third day.
Now read ***John 1:43****: "The* ***next day*** *Jesus decided to go to Galilee."* So that is the fourth day.
After these four days, the *wedding at Cana*, which is called the "***third day***" in the text, takes place. So **4 + 3 = 7**. Therefore, the wedding feast at Cana took place on the **Seventh Day**.
On Which day did God create Adam? Jewish rabbis say that Adam was created on the sixth day. When he was in a deep sleep, his rib was taken. When do people usually sleep? At night. So, Adam saw Eve on the *seventh day*. That is, Adam and Eve's wedding took place on the *seventh day*. That is why John mentions the wedding taking place on the seventh day.

So, by showing this connection to the Book of Genesis, and by Jesus calling His Mother the name used **eleven times** to refer to Eve in the Book of Genesis—"**Woman**"—John is silently saying that the Blessed Virgin Mary is the **Second Eve** standing beside the **Second Adam**.
We can only understand the meaning when we delve into the Bible, especially the Gospel of John. By indicating that the wedding feast at Cana happened on the seventh day, and by Jesus calling His Mother "Woman," what does John want to convey? The "Woman" called in the Book of Genesis eleven times was Eve, and that Woman standing here is the **Blessed Virgin Mary.**

The New Command

Now, if that is so, why is this Eve standing here? In the Book of *Genesis*, Eve told Adam: "Let's not do what God said; let's pick the fruit and eat it." Is that right? The Eve in Genesis told Adam not to obey God's command.

What does the Second Eve say? ***John 2:5:*** *"Do whatever he tells you."*

Do you see the contrast? When the Second Adam comes to undo the harmful effects of what the first Adam did, the Second Eve behaves in the opposite way to what the first Eve did, bringing about the remedy. Standing as the representative of humanity, the Mother says: "Let us do what God tells us."

So, I am saying that here, the Holy Scripture presents Mary as the **Second Eve**.

The Prophecy in Genesis and Revelation

Now, speaking of the Woman in Genesis, a promise is given. That promise is ***Genesis 3:15****: "I will put enmity between* ***you*** *and the* ***woman****, and between your* ***offspring*** *and* ***hers****; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."*

How many characters are there in that verse? Four characters. Who are they?

1. **You** (Satan/Serpent, the one being addressed)
2. The **Woman**
3. Your offspring (the serpent's offspring, other devils)
4. **Her offspring** (the Woman's offspring)

If the *Woman's offspring* who crushes the devil's head is **Jesus**, then this *Woman* is the **Blessed Mary**, the Mother of Jesus. That is why John calls her *"Woman."* She is the **Second Eve**, and her offspring, Jesus, is the one who crushes the devil's head.

Now, let's turn to ***Revelation 12:1-4****: "A great portent appeared in heaven: a* ***woman*** *clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great* ***red dragon****, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to* ***bear a child****, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born."*

If you read this passage without any prejudice, you will immediately be reminded of the Woman, her offspring, the Serpent, and the Serpent's offspring from *Genesis 3:15*.

Who are the characters from Genesis 3:15 present here?

1. There is the **Woman** (the Woman clothed with the sun).
2. There is the Woman's **offspring** (the child she is about to give birth to).
3. There is the **Serpent** (the huge red dragon).

Who is the Serpent? The Devil.
Who is the offspring the Woman gave birth to?
The next verse says he is the one "who is to rule all the nations with an iron rod."
So, who is it? **Jesus**.
If that is the case, who is this **Woman**? She is the **Mother** (Mary).

So, the mention of "Woman" is not to belittle the Mother, but to signify that the Blessed Mother is the **Second Eve** who was mentioned in the *Book of Genesis*, the Woman who gives birth to the Child. This is what it is meant to indicate.

Salvation

Now, putting everything else aside, if the Blessed Mother is the Second Eve accompanying the Second Adam, Jesus Christ, who came into this world for our salvation and restored everything that Adam lost for us, then the journey of salvation cannot proceed by excluding the Second Eve. Do you understand this?

We don't call Mary the Second Eve just for the fun of it. The meaning is that when the Second Adam came to this world to offer salvation, He kept the Blessed Mother with Him as a **major heir** and **major cooperator** in this salvation, highlighting the Mother's unique status as the Second Eve at the beginning and the end of His public life. The implication, according to our Catholic faith, is that the Blessed Mother cannot be set aside on the journey to salvation.

Therefore, we cannot have a spirituality by setting the Mother aside. We cannot experience the fullness of salvation through Jesus by setting the Mother aside. So, you must truly understand this.

Therefore, the Blessed Mother is the one who helps us the most on this journey to attain salvation. Hence, we must rely on the Mother in all things.

Practical Application in our Life

What is the practical application of this?

For example, let's say you can't pray the Rosary, or rather, let's say you don't receive any experience when offering the Holy Mass.
Isn't the Mass a very important matter for salvation? Yes.
But when offering the Mass, we have a very dry experience; we get no experience. This is an important matter for salvation.

So, what should we do?
If you pray a Rosary and offer it before participating in the Mass, you will understand the difference in participating in the Mass in your life. If we participate in the Mass after praying a Rosary and offering it, we will clearly understand how the Mother helps us in these matters of salvation.

There are many other things that we can't do.

For example if you can't read the ***Word of God***, try this: for five or six days, pray the Rosary and state your intention to the Mother, asking: "Mother, can you grant me the grace to love the Word?"
The Mother will certainly obtain it for you.
There is no doubt about it. Just try it.

We seek the Mother only for our **worldly gain**, only for material things to happen. Put that aside, and today, you should seek the Blessed Mother for your spiritual awakening.

That is, say: "Mother, I don't have a prayer life. Mother, please help me," and if you pray the Rosary for five days with this intention, the Mother will certainly obtain everything needed for salvation.

The New Vatican Document: *Mater Populi Fidelis*

On November 4th of November 2025, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (now the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith) issued a document, a guideline. Its name is ***Mater Populi Fidelis***, which means **Mother of the Faithful People of God**. This is the name of that document—a doctrinal note, a teaching that the faithful should know, published by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.
What is its name? Mother of the Faithful People.

Clarification of Marian Titles

This teaching speaks about the **place of the Blessed Mother** (Mother Mary). In that teaching, the Church stated that the use of **two expressions** for the Mother of God could be **misleading** and therefore should no longer be used.

What we saw on social media was many people saying that **the Church has corrected its error**. My response to that is: if an error was taught previously and is now being corrected, then that statement is true. But what error has been corrected?

For example, you read an article on Social Media saying, "Finally, the Catholic Church has confessed its mistake." If that were to be true, the Church would have had to previously teach something wrong and now say, "We understand things now, that was wrong, you must correct it." If that were the case, this news on social media would be accurate.

Since not everyone knows everything reported in the news, people hear what they hear, or what someone tells them, without reading the document or understanding its contents. Those who heard a partial or misleading report misunderstood it and caused confusion among many faithful. Some are now asking, "Should I still pray the rosary? Oh my, should I still say the 'Hail Mary'? Should I remove all statues of the Mother from my home?"

There are many devout, simple souls who are shaken.

The Church's Authority

The first thing you must understand is that **the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit, not by social media.** Therefore, nothing the Church teaches as doctrine is wrong. It is not wrong and does not need correction.

Titles Discouraged by the Church

Now, what were the titles that the document said should not be used?

1. **"Co-redemptrix"** (a fellow redeemer, or in some contexts, "co-savior"). That title is **no longer to be used** in the Church.
2. **"Mediatrix of all Graces"** (Mother of Graces, or *Mediators of Graces*). This too should **not be used**.

Why the Confusion Arose

So, who was using these titles? The Church **has never officially taught** that these titles must be used. It was not a previous teaching that is now being forbidden. It was not taught before, and now they are saying, "Don't use it." It's not like that. It has never been official teaching.

For example, some Marian teachings were wrong. Some people taught that the Mother of God is a divinity, just like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Church forbade that. That is not the case.

Is the Mother of God divine? No. She is only a **human creature**. But God raised that creature to the greatest height a human being can be given. Mary is not the Creator; she is only a creature. So, that was a false teaching.

Some even said she was one of the Persons of the Trinity (referring to the Holy Spirit). Some people said the Holy Spirit became incarnate as Mary. You might not have heard of these things, but in various times, certain Marian movements came up with such false teachings.

Secondly, some people, including some I have heard teaching in various places, taught that the Blessed Mother is the **Wisdom** mentioned in the Old Testament.
Have you heard this? That is also false.
Wisdom is personified in the Old Testament, but that is not the Blessed Mother. The Wisdom that was with God at creation, which created all things, mentioned in the Books of Wisdom and Sirach, is personified as a woman. This teaching, which equates that Wisdom with the Blessed Mother, is also false.

Among those who approached the Vatican, a large group of people—millions—collected signatures and submitted a petition to the Vatican to declare the Mother of God the **Co-redemptrix** as a **dogma of faith**.
This was based on the understanding that the Mother cooperated in the whole work of salvation alongside Jesus.

The Church's Rationale

In light of the Church's long-standing studies on this petition, the Church concluded that using such a title would be **misleading**.
Why? Because it might suggest that the Mother's participation in salvation is **equal** in importance to Christ's redemption.
If this happens, it would diminish the **uniqueness of Jesus's Redemption**.
Therefore, it should not be used.

Is there any mistake in this? Is there any problem? No.
The Mother Church, which has the right to teach, is telling her children: "My children, many of you wish to use that title, but it is not necessary.

Why is it not necessary? Because it might cast doubt on the **sole mediation of Jesus** as the only Redeemer, and it could convey the impression that Mary and Jesus together saved the world. This would challenge the **uniqueness of Jesus's salvation** as the Redeemer, and some people might misunderstand this. Therefore, this misleading title is not needed."

We were saved by **Jesus**, and no one else has that role. There were collaborators in salvation, but the complete ownership of salvation belongs to **Jesus**. However, the **Blessed Mother** is the best and most excellent agency for **distributing** this salvation and this grace to us.

Therefore, the Church said these titles should not be used. The Church **did not say** that you should never pray to the Blessed Mother for **intercession** again.

Conclusion

So, be clear. If anyone has been misled, let it end here and now.
The Catholic Church has **not corrected an error** it once taught. It simply pointed out that when it saw **erroneous usage** in some places, it stated that such expressions, if used for the Blessed Mother, would cause misunderstanding, and therefore they should **not be used**.

The attention this received in the media, which the Catholic Church's other teachings did not receive, is because Satan knows this is something that can cause confusion. The Church has taught so many other things, but no single media reported it. Why did they not report it?

So, can you pray to the Blessed Mother? **You must pray.**
Can you ask for her intercession? **You must ask.**

But the sole Mediator who brought us salvation is **Jesus**.
Is it the Blessed Mother who brings us salvation? **No.**
Is the Blessed Mother the Co-redemptrix? **No.**

Therefore, you may have your own understandings and convictions about your devotion to the Blessed Mother, but always remember: **what the Church teaches us is the final standard.** So, if the Church says "do not use it," you must not use it anymore. Some people use these titles in certain prayers, for example, "Queen of all peoples," etc. If those prayers include these forbidden titles, they should no longer be used.

Fr. Daniel Testimonial

Our Lady of Rosa Mystica

We might have had this picture of the Mother in our homes even when we were young. I remember in my childhood, before I even knew what any of this meant, back then, the Sisters would often give out pictures of **Our Lady of Rosa Mystica** as gifts from the church.

So, that image was imprinted on my mind from a young age, and it was kept in our homes. It was from these kinds of pictures that the tears and blood flowed in many places—do you remember that?

Later, when I entered the seminary, I had a great desire: I wanted to get a statue of **Our Lady of Rosa Mystica**. But since I was poor, I didn't have the means to get one. While I was wishing for it, someone once told me that if I wrote to their center in Montichiari, Italy, they might send one. They said they would pray about it, and if they felt I was worthy, they would send it. I immediately decided that I would never get one! (Because of my own perceived unworthiness).

Anyway, I wrote the letter when I was studying in the seminary, but nothing came then. I became a priest, and in 2006, I had an accident. Afterwards, I was just spending time aimlessly in a small church in a mission area.

One day, the postman came and said a parcel had arrived at the post office. It was a large item, and I couldn't carry it back myself, so he asked me to come and pick it up. This was in 2007. When I went there to find out what parcel had arrived, I read the address and realized it was a parcel from that place in Italy! When I opened it, it was a beautiful - statue of the Mother.

That was in 2007. So, years past now, right? Since that day, I have kept that statue in my room. It is a presence that has helped me through the difficulties of life. It was from that time that my life truly turned towards the Word.

So, what I am trying to convey is that it has helped me in many situations. I can't count how many times I have hugged that statue and cried. When I couldn't see any way forward, when there was no one to help, and when I suddenly felt like my life was over, I would run, turn off all the lights in the room, and hug that statue and cry.

I'm not crying now remembering the tears I shed then; I'm crying because all those issues have been resolved. When I remember that, that is what makes me emotional. All those issues have been resolved. There have been solutions for all of them.

Therefore, I say, if you can get a picture, statue, or image of **Our Lady of Rosa Mystica**, you should keep it in your home. These days, other images are more common than the one of Rosa Mystica.

And now, the most significant feature: The Vatican has officially approved the apparition of **Our Lady of Rosa Mystica**. The Church has officially recognized this apparition as divine. It has become one of the official Marian apparitions recognized by the Church.

The Truth

When I started my evangelistic ministry—I say started, but I hadn't truly started yet—a Sister from Angamaly used to call me.

The Sister would call me and say, "Father, my dear Father Daniel, you must serve well, Father. You must preach the Word, Father." At that time, I was only preaching the Gospel very rarely, maybe once, twice, or at most three times a year. I hadn't adopted it as a way of life.

So, at that time—this was around 2006 or 2007, you can imagine—the Sister would call me and say, "Father Daniel, listen to this, when you are standing there, I see the **Blessed Mother standing behind you with her hands outstretched**." So, when the Sister told me this and since my faith was very weak at that time, I never outright rejected it. That is to say, I didn't tell her, "Don't just make up stories, Sister." But I didn't take it in; I would listen, but I didn't believe it.

So, the Sister told me, "Father, you must preach the Gospel. I see the Mother standing behind you with her hands outstretched whenever you preach the Gospel. I get this vision all the time." Although I didn't believe it, I didn't say anything. I didn't believe it.

Then, after a few days, after quite some time, the Sister called and said, "Father, I saw in a vision that you are preaching the Gospel to **tens of thousands of people**." I didn't believe it.

Then, after a long time, the Sister said, "Father, I see you leading retreats for a lot of **Sisters**." I didn't believe it.

Then, after some time, the Sister said, "Father, I see many **Fathers** sitting in front of you while you are preaching." I didn't believe it. Because at that time, I was very rarely even preaching in one church. Who would believe someone saying things like this?

After a little while, the Sister said, "Father, I see you leading retreats for **Bishops**." When she got to that point, I said, "Sister, I find that difficult to believe," because by then, I thought she was just making things up.

Listen, as time went on, just as the Sister had seen, **I led retreats for tens of thousands of people, I led retreats for Sisters, I led retreats for Fathers, and I led retreats for Bishops**, even in the KCBC (Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council) and the CBCI (Catholic Bishops' Conference of India).

Listen now. Since everything else she said came true, I continuously believe that the **first thing she said is also true**. Do you understand? Since everything else happened—things I could never have believed at the time happened later on—since all of that happened, you must believe this: **When I stand here, the Mother is behind me**. Therefore, there is no need for any doubt. Because everything she said has come true.

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus".

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen"

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